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In re:

KRDG(AM), Redding, California

File No. BML-911121AA

Application for Modification of License

File No. BML-911211AA

Application for Waiver of the Main

Studio Rule

Dear Mr. Oxenford:

This refers to the above-captioned applications for modification of license of KRDG(AM), Redding, California, filed by Educational Media Foundation, Inc. ("EMF) requesting (1) to change from a commercial to a noncommercial educational station (BML-91121AA), and (2) waiver of the Commission's "main studio rule," 47 C.F.R. § 73.1125 (BML-911211AA). In a telephone conversation on December 30, 1992, we requested that you provide us with information concerning EMF's asserted inability to provide a main studio in KRDG(AM)'s principal community contour due to financial constraints; however, we have not yet received this information. You are hereby advised that the failure to file the requested information within twenty (20) days of the date of this letter may result in the dismissal of the above-captioned application pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 73.3566(b).

Sincerely,

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FCC File No. BML-911121AA

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Educational Media Foundation ("EMF"), by its attorneys, hereby withdraws the above-referenced applications for modification of license and waiver of the Commission's "main studio rule."

Please also be advised that EMF and Prather-Breck Broadcasting Inc. of Redding, the licensee of KRDG(AM), Redding, California, will not consummate the assignment of license for that station. The Commission consented to such assignment on October 7, 1991 (FCC File No. BAL-910802EF).

Donna R. Searcy, Secretary February 11, 1993 Page 2

Should you have any questions regarding the foregoing, please contact either of the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

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As this request is filed by a nonprofit entity who will be operating its station noncommercially, no fee filing is required. Thus, none is submitted.

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#### FCC 301

Approved by OMB 3060-0027 Expires 2/28/92

See Page 25 for information egarding public burden estimate

APPLICATION FOR CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FOR COMMERCIAL BROADCAST STATION For COMMISSION Fee Use Only For APPLICANT Fee Use Only FEE NO: Is a fee submitted with this application? Yes X No If fee exempt (see 47 C.F.R. Section 1.1112), FEE TYPE indicate reason therefor (check one box): Noncommercial educational licensee FEE AMT: Governmental entity FOR COMMISSION USE ONLY ID SEQ: Section I - GENERAL INFORMATION 1. Name of Applicant Send notices and communications to the following person at the address below: Educational Media Foundation, Inc. Name Richard Jenkins **DEC** 1 1 1991 President Street Address or P.O. Box FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Street Address or P.O. Box 2290 Airport Boulev &FFECE OF THE SECRETARY 2290 Airport Boulevard ZIP Code City State City State ZIP Code Santa Rosa 95403 95403 CA Santa Rosa Telephone No. (Include Area Code) Telephone No. (Include Area Code) (707) 528-9236 (707) 528-9236 2 This application is for:  $\mathbf{x}$ AM FM TV (a) Channel No. or Frequency City State (b) Principal Community 1330 kHz Redding CA (c) Check one of the following boxes: Application for NEW station MAJOR change in licensed facilities; call sign: MINOR change in licensed facilities call sign: (studio waiver) KRDG MAJOR modification of construction permit; call sign: File No. of construction permit: MINOR modification of construction permit; call sign: File No. of construction permit: AMENDMENT to pending application; Application file number: NOTE: It is not necessary to use this form to amend a previously filed application. Should you do so, however, please submit only Section I and those other portions of the form that contain the amended information. 3. Is this application mutually exclusive with a renewal application? Community of License If Yes state: Call letters City State

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Ms. Donna R. Searcy, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 1919 M Street, N.W., Room 222 Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Searcy:

AIVI BHANCH PARTY AA Filed herewith, on behalf of Educational Media Foundation, Inc. ("EMF"), is application on FCC Form 302 for station KRDG(AM), Redding, California. EMF is the proposed assignee of KRDG. assignment application, FCC File No. BAL-910802EF, has been approved by the Commission, and should be closed within the very near future. On November 21, 1991, EMF filed an FCC Form 340 application, requesting that the Commission authorize that station to operate as a noncommercial educational facility.

By informal staff request, the applicant was requested to submit an FCC Form 302. The Form 302 is attached herewith, with a copy of the original filed 301 application submitted as an attachment thereto.

As this application is filed by a nonprofit entity who will be operating the station noncommercially, no fee is required. none is submitted.

Ms. Donna R. Searcy, Secretary December 11, 1991 Page 2

Should there be any questions concerning this matter, please

contact the undersigned.

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### APPLICATION FOR NEW BROADCAST STATION LICENSE (Carefully read instructions before filling out Form)

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The APPLICANT hereby waives any claim to the use of any particular frequency or of the electromagnetic spectrum as against the regulatory power of the United States because of the previous use of the same, whether by license or otherwise, and requests an authorization in accordance with this application. (See Section 304 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.)

The APPLICANT acknowledges that all the statements made in this application and attached exhibits are considered material representations and that all the exhibits are a material part hereof and are incorporated herein as set out in full in the application.

#### CERTIFICATION

I certify that the statements in this application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith.

Name of Applicant	Signature (A)
Educational Media Foundation, Inc.	HAMIT SAMMA, MAS EMPLINE
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Re: KRDG (AM) Redding, California

Request for (1) Non-commercial Educational Broadcast Construction Permit; and (2) Waiver

of Main Studio Rule

Dear Ms. Searcy:

Educational Media Foundation, Inc. ("EMF"), by its attorneys, submits this application for a non-commercial educational broadcast station construction permit. On September 12, 1991 (File no. BAL 910802EF), the Commission granted the assignment of KRDG from Prather-Breck Broadcasting to EMF. As EMF desires to operate KRDG as a non-commercial, educational station, subject to the rules relating to such stations, this Form 340 application is being filed. In addition, EMF hereby requests a waiver of 47 C.F.R. § 73.1125(a) (1990) (hereinafter "main studio rule") to allow KRDG(AM) Redding, California to operate its main studio with a reduced staff presence. If this waiver request is granted, KRDG would be operated as a satellite of KLVR(FM-ED) Santa Rosa, California. EMF is licensee of KLVR(FM-ED) which operates as a non-commercial, listener supported, educational radio station. As a satellite of KLVR(FM-ED), KRDG would provide Redding, California with a unique blend of music, programs, and special features, that will serve the educational purposes which have already been recognized by the Commission in connection with KLVR(FM-ED), and which are set out herein.

The Commission has established a policy of considering wavier requests of the main studio rule by non-commercial stations on a case-by-case basis. <u>See Main Studio and Program</u>
Origination Rules, 3 FCC Rcd 5024, 5026 (1988). The Commissions' policy is a recognition of "the benefits of centralized operations for non-commercial educational stations, given the "Waivers have limited funding available to these stations." Id. been granted to state and public television networks to operate "satellite" stations that do not necessarily meet the requirements of the main studio rule." Id. See e.g. Nebraska Educational Television Commission, 4 RR 2d 771 (1965); Central Virginia Educational Television Corp., 49 RR 2d 435 (1981). Recently, where the benefits of centralized broadcast operations were demonstrated by an educational applicant, the Commission granted a waiver of the main studio rule and permitted a noncommercial AM station to co-locate its main studio with another station operated by the applicant. The waiver request proposed that the non-commercial AM would be operated as a "satellite" of the applicant's other facility. See Letter to Gerald Stevens-Kittner, Esq. re KAGI (AM), Grants Pass, Oregon (File No. BAL-910226EC) (M.M.Bur. July 15, 1991) (copy attached hereto). waiver was conditioned upon the applicant maintaining the public file in the non-commercial AM's city of license; the installation of a toll-free telephone number for residents of the city of license; and an imposition of a condition that the AM license remain non-commercial. Id.

EMF is in a similar position to those educational applicants who have been granted waivers of the main studio rule. In this case, EMF seeks a waiver of the main studio rule to operate KRDG as a non-commercial educational satellite, principally retransmitting KLVR(FM-ED)'s programming over KRDG. A grant of this waiver would permit EMF to offer a higher quality educational radio service to Redding than would be possible were EMF required to program KRDG from a main studio located in Redding. Educational programming requires a significant staffing commitment to produce quality programming. As a private, non-commercial educational broadcaster, EMF's limited resources would preclude the staffing and full-time operation of a main studio in Redding, without an economic drain which could damage the quality of programming it produces in Santa Rosa.1/

The Commission has never created a distinction between "public" and "private" educational noncommercial operations. Private educational broadcasters, such as EMF, face stiffer economic realities than state or public broadcasters who benefit from public monies. EMF, on the other hand, is supported only by donors and programming grants, and does not otherwise receive governmental or institutional support.

Moreover, the history of KRDG does not bade well for a separate, fully staffed operation at this time. EMF is acquiring KRDG from a company which, EMF understands, during the course of its operation of the station, suffered losses totaling Two-Hundred Fifty-Thousand dollars (\$250,000.00). As was set forth in the contract accompanying the assignment application, EMF essentially purchased KRDG for less than \$50,000, a sum which is to be paid to creditors of the licensee. Given this financial history, it is clearly not economically reasonable for EMF to attempt a full scale operation of this stand-alone AM station.

In order to fulfill its local program service responsibilities, EMF will incorporate into its public affairs and informational programming matters of unique concern to residents of Redding and will maintain a studio in Redding capable of producing locally-oriented programming. EMF will maintain KRDG's public inspection file in Redding in a location accessible during normal business hours. It will also provide a toll-free telephone number for residents of Redding to reach KLVR's studio in Santa Rosa.

Moreover, EMF recognizes the importance of a licensee's remaining aware of community concerns and being accessible to local residents on a face-to-face basis. Thus, EMF plans to have employees in Redding on a regular basis to access community needs. In connection with its recognition of these obligations, EMF will staff KRDG's Redding studio at least two days of each week and will publicize the days and times at which the Redding studio will be staffed.

In that EMF's proposed operation conforms with standards established by previous Commission waiver grants for non-commercial, educational applicants, EMF submits that a grant of its waiver request would be in the public interest and should therefore be granted.

As EMF is an educational licensee, no filing fee is necessary. Therefore, none is submitted.

Should there be any questions concerning this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely

David D. Oxenford

cc: Brian Browdie, AM Branch

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